

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Doheny and Fontana, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all.

Public Comments Relative to the Agenda – none

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 2, 2010.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Selectman's Overview – Mr. Freda provided an overview of the following topics:

Financial Update

- Town is in a good financial position as we brace for what the state funding cut backs will be
- Health Insurance increase projected to be 2% or less
- Bi-partisan committee formed to address health insurance and meet with our agents
- Budget Workshop Sessions begin on January 18th:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Date</u>
Board of Selectman	Jan 18
Public Works	Jan 19
Library	Jan 22
Community Services / Recreation	Jan 22
Board of Education	Feb 12
IT	Feb 12
Fire	Feb 12
Police Dept	Feb 16
Admin – Assessor, Registrars, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Feb 16
Finalize Budgets	Mar 16

- Looking for a zero percent increase on the Town side
- We are working very closely with the Board of Ed side as well

Operational

- CMB – Indian Ridge Update
 - Working in a positive fashion with CMB and Toll Brothers
 - 2 Options
 - Toll Brothers – 145 units
 - Another developer – 120 units

- Keeping residents informed
- Tire Pond Update
 - Site Meeting on 12/16/10 with personnel from the CT DEP
 - Following the site meeting, a meeting was held with CT DEP Commissioner Amey Marella at Town Hall
 - The CT DEP verbally committed to the following:
 - No additional commercial grade fill will be brought into the portion of the site located in North Haven.
 - The existing fill located within the Town will be properly graded for drainage purposes.
 - Approximately 30,000 CY of residential grade fill will be placed on top of the graded portion of the fill located in North Haven.
 - Hamden has agreed
 - The site will be stabilized with vegetative cover.
 - The CT DEP has initially committed to a 30 year monitoring and sampling plan with reports available to the Town of North Haven.
 - This will be brought before our Planning & Zoning Commission on January 10th

Grant Updates

- STEAP Grant Awards
 - Clintonville Playground \$188,000 resolution approved on December 2nd, 2010. Project is underway.
 - Skiff Street Sidewalks \$95,370. Town awaiting the CT DOT assignment for the project.
- Grant application for Town Hall
 - Looking to make building ADA compliant
 - Installation of elevators
 - Installation of handicap accessible bathroom
 - Federal grant through HUD
 - Maximum of \$750,000
 - Presently working with Architect on Feasibility Study
 - Target date of March 2011 to complete all architect plans
 - Phase I Proposal for Environmental Study
 - Public Hearing in April, 2011
 - Support of Citizens
- Universal Drive Milling and Paving
 - Bid Opening 10/14/2010
 - Lowest bidder, American Industries of Jewett City
 - Bid totaled \$425,115. This estimate was approximately \$100,000 less than estimated
 - Town's commitment will now be approximately \$8,800
 - Town and DOT continue to work with American Industries on the required paperwork in order to fulfill contract requirements
 - Goal is to conduct these efforts on or after April 1, 2011
- Todd Drive
 - Phase 1B – 98% of the installation of perforated pipelines, catch basins and drainage outlet/headwall, etc. completed.
 - Only permanent paving, curbing and some loam and seed remain for the Spring of 2011.
 - Phase II – jacking pipe under Wilbur Cross Parkway discharging to the Quinnipiac River and installation of 3 42" diameter pipelines at end of Todd Drive South.
 - Permitting applications for the CT DEP, CT DOT and US Army Corps were delivered to the respective agencies on September 1 with revisions on December 23rd.
 - Phase III – should monies be available to complete work under this phase, the Town will install a box culvert adjacent to that of the one near 2000 Hartford Turnpike.

- This phase is included in the permitting process, however it is difficult to determine if there will be funds remaining for this portion of the project.
- Economic Development
 - Doug Gray visit 12/8/10
 - Yale New Haven Hospital
 - Mickey Rabina
 - Quinnipiac Update
 - Corner of Middletown / Quinnipiac Avenue
- 2011 Goals and Objectives
 - Economic Development
 - Bring forward Yale New Haven Medical Facility
 - Bring forward Castle Corp Development adjacent to Yale site
 - Quebecor Project
 - Tenant for 222 McDermott Road
 - Bring 3 tenants into Universal Drive
 - Mickey Rabina
 - Northern Washington Avenue
 - Operational
 - Derive efficiencies
 - Contain cost of government
 - Provide a high level of customer service
 - Identify a plan for infrastructure improvements
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan for Muddy River, Quinnipiac River, Waterman's Brook and Pine Brook
 - Philosophical
 - Continue to work in a bi-partisan fashion for the good of North Haven and its residents
 - Continue to move North Haven forward in a positive, upbeat and optimistic fashion!

Correspondence – none

Resolutions – Mr. Doheny read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as agent for the South Central Regional Council of Governments and participating municipalities, has undertaken the permitting, construction and operation of a regional facility for the collection of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator business waste at it's headquarters at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities participating in the facility are able to have residents drop off their household hazardous wastes on Saturday mornings (9 am – Noon) and conditionally exempt small quantity generators deliver business and municipal waste on Saturday morning, (by appointment from 7 am – 8:30 am), from spring through fall for proper processing, transportation, and disposal;

WHEREAS, the facility is owned, managed and operated under the supervision of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the benefit of the participating municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN THAT:

The Town of North Haven declares its commitment to continue participation in the regional household hazardous waste collection center for a minimum three-year period (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014), and confirms its intent to contribute financially for the operation, processing, transportation, and disposal of household hazardous waste.

The Town of North Haven authorizes its First Selectman to enter into this agreement with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the operation of the facility. Such agreement will permit the Authority to act as its agent to maintain the facility, to contract with a vendor for the transportation and disposal of the wastes, to receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities, and to operate the facility.

Invoice will be based on a two part formula:

1. Annual operational costs are based on the number of 1 and 2 family housing units,
2. Annual transportation and waste disposal costs are prorated by residents' usage.

This resolution shall be effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the resolution.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Resignations/Appointments –

- Resignation of Raymond D. Fowler (U), 6 Todd Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 from the Library Board of Directors. Mr. Freda read the letter of resignation from Mr. Fowler. The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Fowler's service.
- Mr. Freda stated that Mr. Mackay's initial term on the Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2010 and he expressed an interest in reappointment. Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Joseph Mackay (U), 144 South Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 to the Board of Ethics, term to expire December 31, 2013.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Mr. Freda advised that appointments to the Open Space Advisory committee as recommended by their respective boards and commissions with terms to expire 12/31/2011 have been proposed as follows:

Conservation	Hugh H. Davis	1261 Ridge Road
Board of Finance	James J. Lianos	59 Juniper Drive
Inland Wetland	Leroy Clemens Gould	299 Mansfield Road
Land Trust	Mark V. Cofrancesco	6 Frost Drive
Park & Rec	Mary Lou Stamp	292 Upper State Street
Plan & Zoning	Douglas E. Roberts	140 Round Hill Road
Selectmen	Stephen J. Fitzgerald	34 River Road

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the appointments as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- Mr. Freda announced the following vacancies and asked Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana for their assistance in making suggestions and working collaboratively to fill the

following positions:

- Community Services (2)
- Cemetery Commission (1)
- Library Board of Directors (1)

Bond Releases / Reductions – Mr. Doheny read the following bond releases. After a brief discussion he motioned to approve the bonds as presented.

- 50 United Drive, Kelly Enterprises, United Drive Associates, release the entire bond balance of \$15,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 50 United Drive, Kelly Enterprises, United Drive Associates, release the entire bond balance of \$20,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 12 Peck Street, Charles A. Flanagan, release the entire bond balance of \$35,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Property Tax Refunds – Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the property tax refunds presented below:

- Capasso, Stephanie L, 1867 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06515, in the amount of \$867.02.
- Tatta (Capasso), Stephanie L, 1 Jones Farm Road (1867 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06515), in the amount of \$238.79.
- DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$314.74 and in the amount of \$277.80.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 650214, Dallas, TX, in the amount of \$81.18.
- Silva, Victor M, 359 Sherman Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511, in the amount of \$262.97, and in the amount of \$262.74, and in the amount of \$241.61.
- Suppa, Antonio, 150 Cloudland Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$637.31.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348, in the amount of \$226.19, and in the amount of \$58.14.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen – Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Public Comment –

Mr. Raymond Sonazzaro, 135 Elm Street, expressed concern regarding the water taken off of Todd Drive and being drained into the Quinnipiac River. He feels this is going to continue to flood the Banton Road and Rt. 22 Connector area in bad springs. He also would not like to see the Town do any additional work or invest any additional money in the Valley Service Road because every year the water rises up to and over the Merritt Parkway. He does not feel anyone will build in there because they will not be able to afford the flood insurance. He also expressed his displeasure with the recent purchase by the Police Chief, approved by the Board of Finance, of 50 new pistols for \$20,000. He does not see the necessity of this purchase. Mr. Freda noted that this was approved last year and is already in this year's fiscal budget. It is not an expense for next fiscal year. He thanked Mr. Sonazzaro for his opinion.

Mr. Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, asked what departments received a recent memo regarding work place violence. Mr. Freda noted that it will be sent out to all departments. Mr. Amato

asked Mr. Freda about a state statute that Mr. Freda recited to Mr. Amato when he was trying to get information from the Police Department under the Freedom of Information Act. He stated that both statutes he was provided were bogus. Mr. Freda suggested that Mr. Amato contact the Police Chief, who has experience in this. He will advise him that any unfounded allegations that have no merit to them, can't be disclosed under Connecticut State statute.

Adjournment – Mr. Freda asked for additional questions, and seeing none and hearing none motioned to adjourn at 7:48 pm.